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Tomoo KIMURA, et al.

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Filed: September 28, 2001

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: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 2527

: Group Art Unit: 2825

: Examiner: Annette M. THOMPSON

For: CIRCUIT OPERATION VERIFYING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
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Total Claims	11	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	7	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 19, 2006 (Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows: